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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Tuesday, August 3, 2004 5 p.m.  
Date/Time of Occurrence: Saturday, July 31, 2004 8:13 a.m.  
Nature of Call: Search For Missing Man Scaled Back  
Location of Call: Blue Canyon  
Case Number: SO0411740  
Released by: Dena Erwin, Community Services Officer (530) 889-6922

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

The search for a missing Blue Canyon man will be scaled back tonight following three days of intense searching.

David Barth, 70, was first reported missing by his wife Saturday morning when he didn't return from a Friday afternoon hike near his home. Barth, who was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, often hiked and hunted in the wilderness areas around his home. He was last seen wearing a blue long-sleeved checkered shirt and carrying a backpack.

According to Placer County Sheriff's Sgt. Dave Wells, more than 100 Search and Rescue team volunteers have scoured the rugged area surrounding Barth's residence with no success. Aircraft from both the Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol took part in the search, as well as volunteers with tracking dogs, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, hikers and horses. On Sunday, 102 personnel searched for Barth, including many from Nevada, El Dorado and Sacramento, Wells said.

Shoe prints believed to be those of Barth's were found several miles from his home, but no other clues to his disappearance have been located. Foul play is not suspected in this disappearance. The search for Barth will continue on a smaller scale, according to Wells.